

Polish Situation Nears Crisis; Armistice Negotiations Are Delayed; Warsaw Is Threatened

Soviet Authorities Demand That Polish Embassies Be Empowered to Take Up Peace Negotiations—Resistance of Poles Breaking Down Under Tremendous Pressure of the Bolsheviki Armies—Soviet Government For Poland.

All advices Tuesday indicate that the situation in Poland, from the Polish standpoint, is approaching a crisis. The Polish delegation which went to Barmovitchi to negotiate an armistice, not only failed to obtain terms from the Russians, but was sent back to Warsaw by the soviet authorities, who demanded that the embassies obtain a mandate to take up peace negotiations. This will delay even the beginning of the armistice negotiations until Wednesday at the latest.

Meanwhile the resistance of the Polish army, which had apparently been stiffening, has again relaxed under the tremendous pressure of the bolsheviki armies. Warsaw, from which the Russians are now but sixty miles distant, seems critically menaced, if not doomed to capture.

Coincident with the serious military developments comes an announcement from Moscow that soviet government has been set up in the portions of Poland which the bolsheviks have over-run.

SOVIET GOVERNMENT FOR PART OF POLAND

NEGOTIATIONS FOR ARMISTICE ARE DELAYED

London, Aug. 3.—A provisional soviet government has been formed in the parts of Poland that have been occupied by soviet troops, according to a wireless message received here from Moscow Tuesday.

Julian Malevsky is chairman of the new soviet government, which is said to be a coalition of the soviet army and the Polish army.

The new soviet has issued a manifesto to the laborers of Poland, exhorting them to rise against the Polish bourgeoisie, and to join the soviet government.

The manifesto declares that a stable and lasting peace can be achieved only possible through soviet of the workers.

London, Aug. 3.—Negotiations for an armistice between Poland and Soviet Russia have been delayed, according to a wireless message received here from Moscow Tuesday.

The Polish delegation for Warsaw on Monday to present to the soviet government, the soviet government has given mandate for armistice negotiations, but only an armistice agreement, but also a protocol setting forth fundamental conditions of peace.

"Without this," the message declared, "it will be impossible to conclude an armistice."

The Polish delegation was empowered to merely arrange for a ceasing of hostilities.

Brest-Litovsk, Great Fortress, Falls Into Bolshevist Hands

London, Aug. 3.—The Russians occupied Brest-Litovsk August 1, it is announced in Monday's official statement from Moscow, received Tuesday. Further progress of the soviet force toward Warsaw on the road from Brest-Litovsk, is reported in the communiqué.

Warsaw, Aug. 3.—Associated Press.—Brest-Litovsk, the last great fortress remaining in Poland, has been captured by the soviet forces, which are apparently falling before a tremendous assault by the Russian Bolsheviki.

South of this place, soviet forces have smashed their way forward in their drive westward to a point only thirty miles from the Polish army.

Over a front of 125 miles, the Polish army is being pounded to pieces before the rush of Bolshevist forces, which are being hurried into the battle in a desperate attempt to capture Warsaw before the conclusion of the armistice at Brest-Litovsk.

Reinforcements are everywhere being hurried to the front by the Russians, to complete the defeat of the Poles before hostilities are halted.

An official statement issued Monday night said that the soviet army had reached a line running from Kowno to the Polish army, which is only thirty miles from this city, with which it is connected by an excellent automobile highway.

Great masses of Bolsheviki have been thrust against the Polish front, with the result that the Polish army, which arrived here Monday night from the front, has been forced to retreat in disorder.

The Polish army, which is now in control of the eastern half of the town, is officially admitted the Russians have reached Minsk, north-west of Brest-Litovsk.

Far to the southeast, near Brody, the Bolsheviki have rushed reinforcements into the line and it is expected a serious attack will be launched there for the purpose of capturing Lemberg before an armistice is declared.

Drawing Near Warsaw

On the northern sector, soviet troops have advanced and have reached the region of Ostrolenka, which is but sixty-six miles from Warsaw.

Apparently it is planned to save the drive much nearer this city before Wednesday, the earliest date for reaching a decision relative to an armistice with Poland.

The Bolsheviki, said Monday night's official statement, "have reached the line running through Kowno, Minsk, and Ypsomsk, Kowno and Ciechanow."

On the northern front, the line from Ostrolenka to the Prussian frontier is unchanged. In the region of Lomza, the Poles are making a stand against soviet cavalry, but fresh enemy reinforcements have been sent.

MISSING CHILD IS REPORTED TO PROVINCIAL POLICE

Another case of a missing child, said to be a boy similar to the one of the Alberta provincial police, several of which have resulted in fatal consequences, was made known to the police Tuesday morning, when a message from Plamondon in the Lac la Poudre district, requested the provincial police to keep a close watch for a little girl who disappeared last night from her mother's house, in the Lac la Poudre neighborhood.

The message received, requests that every possible effort be made to "recover" the girl, who disappeared from Plamondon on Friday last, when she was five years of age, of dark complexion, blonde hair and was wearing a white hat, blue dress and red shoes.

BUSINESS VISITOR TO THE CITY

Mr. Robert J. Alexander, whose home is in Banff, N.Y., is a business visitor to the city for a few days. Mr. Alexander represents a large oil concern in the Quaker State, and is here on a tour of investigation, along with the possibility of trade for the various products of his concern, the Quaker Oil Co. This is Mr. Alexander's first visit into the city, and he is well known to the business community.

At the home of his uncle, Mr. W. J. Powers, 151st street, and leaves shortly for a visit at Banff, on his return to the States.

LOCKLEAR AND LT. ELLIOTT KILLED IN A MOVIE STUNT

Further particulars regarding the death in Los Angeles, California, of Locklear, the daring aviator, who performed at the Edmontons exhibition, and Lt. Elliott, who was with him, say that he was engaged with Lt. Elliott in performing a feat for a movie picture. When 1,000 feet high he was given a signal by the motion picture director and started into a steep dive. A battery of searchlights was playing on the machine and fireworks were being set off from the plane by the pilot. When he had dropped to within 200 feet, the plane was to be seen to attempt to straighten itself. He was too low, however, and crashed to the ground.

On the charge of illegal sale of liquor John Hinkle was convicted in the Provincial Police court Tuesday. A fine of \$100 was imposed. Magistrate George B. McLeod was on the bench.

COMPLAINTS OF HIGH PRICES TO BE INVESTIGATED

Board of Commerce Is to Hold a Sitting in Edmonton Next Saturday

If any citizen wishes to complain of high price, hold-ups or combine in business, their time is coming. W. White, chief commissioner of the Board of Commerce, informs the city officials, that the board will hold a public meeting in the council chamber, Edmonton, at 10 a.m. on Saturday next, Aug. 7th.

At the commissioners will receive any citizens or delegation from any of the industries of the city, who wish to appear before the board.

The object of the meeting is for the discussion of matters that arise out of the administration of the Commerce and Fair Prices act, under which the board of Commerce operates.

And, it is added, "the board will be glad to discuss all questions submitted."

No more, then, the opportunity is coming if there are any complaints to be made.

Applications for thrasher machine licenses are beginning to come into the provincial secretary's office. Last year the number ran over three thousand and it is expected that there will be close to 4,000 issued this year.

LIGHTNING KILLS TWO LITTLE BOYS AT ST. PAUL DE METIS

Family Living Temporarily in a Tent, Suffers Bereavement as Result of Storm

Two little brothers, Jamie White, aged 5 years, and Jimmie, aged 5 years, are dead at St. Paul de Metis as a result of the electric storm which struck the St. Paul de Metis settlement shortly before four o'clock on Sunday afternoon. The two boys were the sons of St. Paul de Metis, a family of the community who, with his family, was living in a tent each time to more favorable conditions warranted their moving to more commodious quarters.

The family of the White people has been completely broken up by the calamity for the storm which hit the St. Paul de Metis village at 3.41 o'clock Sunday afternoon, killed the two little boys instantly, leaving the rest of the family distressed and filled with sorrow.

"They were such bright boys, well liked and helpful and at an age when matured love by the parents for the youngsters, consisting of other sons in the family, was very much to be seen."

The bodies were examined immediately after the storm had subsided by Coroner Giamon, of St. Paul, no doubt being entertained as to the cause of death.

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According to the report furnished by Constable Boutilier, of the Alberta Provincial Police, who investigated the case, the bodies, following the storm, were discovered in the tent. The lightning had burned them. There was also considerable damage to the tent occupied by the family that the lightning had struck. A stove pipe, a mattress and the floor being completely destroyed, while a wall in the pocket of a pair of trousers was stopped at 2.41 o'clock, showing where the lightning struck.

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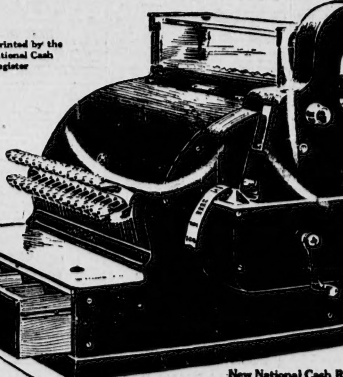
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